

What is claimed is:

1. A method for maintaining a communication session by a back end device in a communication system, the method comprising:
 - 5 determining that the communication session has or will be disrupted;
saving state information relating to the communication session; and
subsequently re-establishing the communication session using the saved state information.
- 10 2. The method of claim 1, wherein determining that the communication session has or will be disrupted comprises:
determining that the communication session has failed.
- 15 3. The method of claim 2, wherein determining that the communication session has failed comprises:
monitoring for a predetermined signal; and
failing to receive the predetermined signal for a predetermined amount of time.
- 20 4. The method of claim 1, wherein determining that the communication session has or will be disrupted comprises:
determining that it is necessary or desirable to disrupt the communication session.
- 25 5. The method of claim 1, wherein saving the state information relating to the communication session comprises:
saving the state information for up to a predetermined amount of time.
- 30 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the communication session is associated with an access point device, and wherein re-establishing the communication session using the saved state information comprises re-establishing the communication through the access point device.

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10. A device for maintaining a communication session, the device comprising:

session monitoring logic operably coupled to determine that the communication session has or will be disrupted;

5 state maintenance logic operably coupled to save state information relating to the communication session; and

session re-establishment logic operably coupled to subsequently re-establish the communication session using the saved state information.

10 11. The device of claim 10, wherein the session monitoring logic is operably coupled to determine that the communication session has failed.

12. The device of claim 11, wherein the session monitoring logic is operably coupled to monitor for a predetermined signal and determine that
15 the communication session has failed upon failing to receive the predetermined signal for a predetermined amount of time.

13. The device of claim 10, wherein the session monitoring logic is operably coupled to determine that it is necessary or desirable to disrupt the
20 communication session.

14. The device of claim 10, wherein the state maintenance logic is operably coupled to save the state information for up to a predetermined amount of time.

25 15. The device of claim 10, wherein the communication session is associated with an access point device, and wherein the session re-establishment logic is operably coupled to re-establish the communication session through the access point device using the saved state information.

30 16. The device of claim 10, wherein the communication session is associated with an access point device, and wherein the session re-

17. The device of claim 16, wherein the session re-establishment logic is operably coupled to associate the state information with the different access point device.

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19. The device of claim 10, wherein the device is a back end device that implements upper protocol layers of a wireless communication protocol.

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20. A computer program for controlling a computer system to maintain a communication session, the computer program comprising:

session monitoring logic programmed to determine that the communication session has or will be disrupted;

5 state maintenance logic programmed to save state information relating to the communication session; and

session re-establishment logic programmed to subsequently re-establish the communication session using the saved state information.

10 21. The computer program of claim 20, wherein the session monitoring logic is programmed to determine that the communication session has failed.

22. The computer program of claim 21, wherein the session monitoring logic is programmed to monitor for a predetermined signal and determine
15 that the communication session has failed upon failing to receive the predetermined signal for a predetermined amount of time.

23. The computer program of claim 20, wherein the session monitoring logic is programmed to determine that it is necessary or desirable to disrupt
20 the communication session.

24. The computer program of claim 20, wherein the state maintenance logic is programmed to save the state information for up to a predetermined amount of time.

25 25. The computer program of claim 20, wherein the communication session is associated with an access point device, and wherein the session re-establishment logic is programmed to re-establish the communication session through the access point device using the saved state information.

30 26. The computer program of claim 20, wherein the communication session is associated with an access point device, and wherein the session re-

establishment logic is programmed to re-establish the communication session through a different access point device using the saved state information.

27. The computer program of claim 26, wherein the session re-
5 establishment logic is programmed to associate the state information with the different access point device.

28. The computer program of claim 20, wherein the communication session comprises a Bluetooth communication session.

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29. The computer program of claim 20, further comprising:
protocol logic for implementing upper protocol layers of a wireless communication protocol.

30. A communication system comprising a number of access point devices that each implement a first protocol layer of a wireless communication protocol and a back end device that implements a second protocol layer of the wireless communication protocol on behalf of the number of access point
5 devices, wherein the back end device is operably coupled to save state information for a communication session upon determining that the communication session has or will be disrupted and subsequently re-establish the communication session using the saved state information.

10 31. The communication system of claim 30, wherein the communication session is associated with an access point device, and wherein the back end device is operably coupled to re-establish the communication session through the access point device.

15 32. The communication system of claim 30, wherein the communication session is associated with an access point device, and wherein the back end device is operably coupled to re-establish the communication session through a different access point device.

20 33. The communication system of claim 32, wherein the back end device is operably coupled to associate the saved state information with the different access point device.

25 34. The communication system of claim 30, wherein the wireless communication protocol comprises a Bluetooth wireless communication protocol.

30 35. The communication system of claim 34, wherein the first protocol layer is a lower protocol layer of the Bluetooth wireless communication protocol, and wherein the second protocol layer comprises an upper protocol layer of the Bluetooth wireless communication protocol.

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Case	Age	Sex	Site	Pathologic Findings	Survival
1	65	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	10 months
2	68	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	12 months
3	70	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	18 months
4	72	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	24 months
5	75	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	36 months
6	78	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	48 months
7	80	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	60 months
8	82	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	72 months
9	85	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	84 months
10	88	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	96 months
11	90	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	108 months
12	92	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	120 months
13	95	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	132 months
14	98	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	144 months
15	100	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	156 months
16	102	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	168 months
17	105	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	180 months
18	108	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	192 months
19	110	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	204 months
20	112	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	216 months
21	115	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	228 months
22	118	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	240 months
23	120	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	252 months
24	122	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	264 months
25	125	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	276 months
26	128	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	288 months
27	130	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	300 months
28	132	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	312 months
29	135	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	324 months
30	138	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	336 months
31	140	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	348 months
32	142	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	360 months
33	145	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	372 months
34	148	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	384 months
35	150	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	396 months
36	152	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	408 months
37	155	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	420 months
38	158	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	432 months
39	160	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	444 months
40	162	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	456 months
41	165	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	468 months
42	168	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	480 months
43	170	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	492 months
44	172	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	504 months
45	175	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	516 months
46	178	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	528 months
47	180	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	540 months
48	182	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	552 months
49	185	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	564 months
50	188	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	576 months
51	190	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	588 months
52	192	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	600 months
53	195	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	612 months
54	198	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	624 months
55	200	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	636 months
56	202	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	648 months
57	205	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	660 months
58	208	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	672 months
59	210	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	684 months
60	212	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	696 months
61	215	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	708 months
62	218	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	720 months
63	220	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	732 months
64	222	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	744 months
65	225	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	756 months
66	228	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	768 months
67	230	M	Rectum	Adenocarcinoma	780 months
68	232	M	Rectum	Adenocarc	

37. In a communication system in which a terminal device accesses a communication network through one of a plurality of access point devices that implement a first protocol layer of a wireless communication protocol and a back end device that implements a second protocol layer of the wireless communication protocol, a method for moving the terminal device from a first access point device to a second access point device, the method comprising:

saving state information for the terminal device by the back end device;
terminating communication with the terminal device over the first access point device; and
re-establishing communication with the terminal device over the second access point device using the saved state information.

38. The method of claim 37, wherein the first access point device is congested, and wherein re-establishing communication with the terminal device over the second access point device using the saved state information is done to avoid the congestion at the first access point device.

39. The method of claim 37, wherein re-establishing communication with the terminal device over the second access point device using the saved state information is done for load balancing purposes to split network traffic between the first access point device and the second access point device.

40. The method of claim 37, wherein the first access point device and the second access point device are in different service provider systems, and wherein re-establishing communication with the terminal device over the second access point device using the saved state information is done to move the terminal device to a predetermined service provider system.

41. The method of claim 37, wherein re-establishing communication with the terminal device over the second access point device using the saved state

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42. In a communication system in which a terminal device accesses a communication network through one of a plurality of access point devices that implement a first protocol layer of a wireless communication protocol and a back end device that implements a second protocol layer of the wireless communication protocol, a method for using information related to the terminal device, the method comprising:

saving information for the terminal device by the back end device; and
using the saved information.

43. The method of claim 42, wherein using the saved information comprises:

using the saved information for accounting purposes.

44. The method of claim 42, wherein using the saved information comprises:

using the saved information for network management purposes.

45. The method of claim 42, wherein using the saved information comprises:

using the saved information for user tracking purposes.

46. The method of claim 42, wherein using the saved information comprises:

using the saved information for user locating purposes.